FISCAL NOTE

SB 2658 - HB 2565

March 5, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes counties and municipalities, by two-thirds vote of their legislative body, to levy an additional litigation tax per case in the local general sessions, juvenile, and municipal courts. The amount of the tax is to be set by each county commission. The revenues generated by this tax are to be used to support local nonprofit drug testing programs authorized to operate in the public school system.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Exceeds \$400,000/Permissive Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$400,000/Permissive

Assumes, if the provisions of the billed were adopted by local governments statewide, and the tax was set at \$1.00 per case, then approximately 900,000 cases at a collection rate of 50% would generate in excess of \$400,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director